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SUMMARY: GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS, WHICH IN JUNE BECAME THIRD WING OF RESURGENCE PARY (RPPI) DECLARED INDEPENDENCE SEPT. 5 AS THE NEW SOCIETY PARTY. MANIFESTO PROCLAIMED SUPPORT FOR MONARCHY, NATIONAL INDEPENENCE, CONSTITUTION, AND SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION. GROUP, COMPOSED MAINLY OF INTELLECTUALS, INCLUDES SIX CABINET MINISTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS, WHICH EMERGED LAST JUNE SOMEWHAT AGAINST ITS WILL AS THE THIRD WING OF RESURGENCE PARTY, DECLARED SEPT 5 IT IS HENCEFORTH AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY. IT WILL BE CALLED THE NEW SOCIETY PT SY. WARNING THAT ANARCHY AND VIOLENCE THREATEN THE GROWTH OF FREEDOM IN IRAN, PARTY DECLARED IN FIRST MANIFESTO THAT IT STANDS
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FOR MONARCHY, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, CONSTITUTION, AND SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION. "IF FREEDOM IS FOLLOWED BY AN ANARCHY AND VIOLENCE AND DENIES PEOPLE THEIR SAFETY IT WILL EVENTUALLY BE MET WITH REACTION, WHICH IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO ADVOCATE THE RULE OF LAW."

2. SUBSTANTIVE THEME OF GROUPS MANIFESTO WAS DEFENSE OF MODERNISM: "HOW IN IT BE IMAGINED THAT THE FARMERS, WORKERS, AND IRANIAN WOMEN WHO HAVE ACHIEVED SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS WILL BE WITNESS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THESE BENEFITS?" GROUP ATTACKED "THOSE WHO ARE IGNORANT OF THE LAWS OF DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORY, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," AND CALLED FOR ALL RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL FORCES TO JOIN IN DEFENSE OF NATIONAL GAINS. DECLARATION REPEATED WHAT GROUP HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR--CONTROLLED REFORM AND LIBERALIZATION UNDER TH SHAH.

3. FOUNDED IN 1973 AS AN ACADEMICALLY-INCLINED POLICY REVIEW ORGANIZATION, GROUP ASSUMED NEW ROLE IN GROWING POLITICAL FERMENT OF SUMMER 1978. REFTELS A AND B. REPORTED TRANSFORMATION OF GROUP INTO THIRD WING. FORMALLY ANNOUNCED BY PARTY CHIEF AMOUZEGAR JUNE 21, REF. C REPORTED DISSATISFACTION AMONG MEMBERS OF GROUP TOWARD NEW ROLE. WITH PARTIES SPRINGING UP ON ALL SIDES AN RPPI COLLAPSING, GROUP DECISION TO GO IT ALONE IS NOT SURPRISING.

4. STUDY GROUP PLEDGED TO "KEENLY WATCH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT." IT CAN HARDLY DO OTHERWISE, SINCE ITS LEADER HUSHANG NAHAVANDI IS MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION, MINISTER OF EDUCATION MANOUCHEHR GANJI, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE KAZEM VADI'I, MINISTER OF ARTS AND CULTURE MOHSEN FOROUGH, MINISTER OF JUSTICE MOHAMMAD BAHERI, AND MINISTER OF PTT KAZEM MOTAMEDI ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE STUDY GROUP. SULLIVAN

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